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SUBJECT: TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS BRIEFING GIVEN BY
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT FROM 1630 TO 1645 HOURS
ON JULY 16, 1978 AT THE PRESS CENTER OF THE GERMAN
FEDERAL PRESS CONFERENCE (TRANSLATION FROM THE
GERMAN AS GIVEN ON SITE)

1. THE ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT, DR. GRUENEWALD, INTRODUCED THE CHANCELLOR
AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN BONN.

2. THE CHANCELLOR MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

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AND GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS,
HAVE ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION BRIEFING TO
THE PRESS, ALL THE MORE SO
AS THE OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE SO FAR NOT GIVEN ANY
NATIONAL BRIEFINGS. THE DELEGATIONS DO INTEND HOWEVER
AT THE END OF THE AFTERNOON MEETING TO GIVE NATIONAL
BRIEFINGS. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I WAS ASKED ON BEHALF

OF ALL THE DELEGATIONS TO GIVE YOU A SURVEY OF WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AND WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SO FAR. I'LL TRY TO SUM UP THIS IN ONE SENTENCE. THE CONFERENCE HAS DEVELOPED SO FAR IN A RATHER RELAXED WAY; IT HAS ACHIEVED PROGRESS AND THE BEST PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED DURING LUNCHEON.

TOMORROW A JOINT DECLARATION WILL BE ISSUED IN WHICH A SUMMING UP WILL BE GIVEN AND IN A COMPLEMENTARY WAY THE STRATEGY CONCERNING GROWTH, CONCERNING FIGHTING OF UNEMPLOYMENT, CONCERNING INFLATION, CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ORDER, CONCERNING ENERGY POLICY, TRADE QUESTIONS AND RELATED QUESTIONS, AND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS CONCERNING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS JOINT DECLARATION WILL CONTAIN SEVERAL CHAPTERS AND THE FIRST CHAPTER ON GROWTH, EMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION HAS BEEN WORKED THROUGH ALREADY AND WE ARE NOW ABOUT, THAT IS WE HAVE ASKED ALREADY OUR ASSOCIATES AND THEY ARE ABOUT, TO WORK OUT THE FINAL WORDING CONCERNING THIS CHAPTER.

I CAN ALREADY SAY NOW THAT, GENERALLY SPEAKING, A VERY FAR-REACHING MEASURE OF AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED, CONCERNING THIS SPECIFIC CHAPTER. THIS CHAPTER WILL CONTAIN A STATEMENT OF A MORE GENERAL

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NATURE, WHICH WILL BE APPLICABLE TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS, TO ALL THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND IT WILL ALSO CONTAIN A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC STATEMENTS APPLICABLE TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COUNTRIES, OR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS. ONE SPECIFIC STATEMENT CONCERNING JAPAN, ANOTHER CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, STILL ANOTHER CONCERNING FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, AND ONE SPECIFIC ONE CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THEN THE NEXT MAJOR PART, THE NEXT CHAPTER, WILL DEAL WITH ENERGY. THIS PROBLEM IS ALREADY UNDER STUDY AND UNDER DISCUSSION. I THINK YOU CAN EXPECT A STATEMENT ON THE NEED TO REDUCE THE VOLUME OF IMPORTED ENERGY, THAT THIS WILL HAVE TO PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE. THE SAME EMPHASIS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO AN INCREASED USE OF COAL AND ALSO THE NECESSITY OF INCREASING THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. AS REGARDS THE LATTER PROBLEM, NUCLEAR ENERGY, WE WILL GO INTO SOMEWHAT GREATER DETAIL IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED - WITH THE NECESSITY OF STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS, IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUSE, AND IN ADDITION TO THE NEED TO CARRY THROUGH

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EFFORTS IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD AND PRESERVE THE NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT AND THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE.

NOW WE ARE GOING TO HAVE, OR WE ARE HAVING NOW, A
BREAK OF FIFTEEN MINUTES, WHICH GIVES ME THE OPPORTUN-
ITY BRIEFLY TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS SO FAR,
AND AFTER THAT BREAK WE ARE GOING TO COMPLETE THE
CHAPTER ON ENERGY, AND WILL THEN TURN TO THE
NEXT CHAPTER DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
AFFAIRS.

I THINK THERE IS TIME FOR AN ADDITIONAL REMARK OF
MIND, AND WE'LL HAVE TIME FOR TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS.
I WANTED TO INFORM YOU THAT WE AGREED NOT TO ISSUE AND
NOT TO PUBLISH ANY PRECISE WORDING TODAY. THIS ALSO
GOES FOR THE NATIONAL BRIEFINGS WHICH WILL BE GIVEN
BY THE NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO THEIR PRESS. THE EXACT
WORDING, THE PRECISE WORDING, WILL BE PUBLISHED
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TOMORROW ONLY. TONIGHT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE PRIVATE DINNERS AGAIN, SEPARATE DINNERS FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS, FINANCE, ENERGY AND ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND THE HEADS OF STATE AS WE HAD THIS NOON. I THINK I CAN ALREADY SAY THAT WE SUCCEEDED IN EVADING THE DANGER WHICH I MENTIONED JOKINGLY IN MY INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. I REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER WE HAVE THE "SEVEN HILLS" (SIEBENGEBIRGE) AND THAT IT WOULD BE VERY TEMPTING FOR THE SEVEN DELEGATIONS GATHERED AROUND THIS TABLE TO GO OVER THERE AND TO PICK ONE MOUNTAIN FOR EACH DELEGATION, SO EVERY DELEGATION WOULD HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF ITS OWN TO CLIMB, A SUMMIT OF ITS OWN TO CLIMB. BUT INSTEAD WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT TOGETHER WE SHOULD TRY TO CLIMB THE BIG MOUNTAIN WHICH WE ARE ALL CONFRONTED WITH AND I THINK AFTER THE CONFERENCE SO FAR I CAN SAY THAT WE ARE ON THE BEST PATH TO ACHIEVE THAT. THE WORK HAS TAKEN PLACE IN A BUSINESS-LIKE ATMOSPHERE. CERTAINLY THERE HAVE BEEN - THE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT QUITE FREE OF DIFFERENT NUANCES AND OF DIFFERENT EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO DIFFERENT STATEMENTS, BUT THEY WERE ON THE WHOLE MARKED BY THE WILL TO REACH A COMMON RESULT. AND THIS WAS CLEARLY REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENTS MADE BY ALL SEVEN DELEGATIONS. A CLEAR WILL AND A CLEAR DETERMINATION WAS REFLECTED IN THESE STATEMENTS TO REACH AN AGREED OVER-ALL RESULT.

DURING THE LUNCHEON AND I AM SURE ALSO DURING THE DINNER TONIGHT, OTHER SUBJECTS WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THOSE PRESENT. THIS WAS THE CASE AT THE LUNCHEON TODAY, AND TOMORROW YOU WILL SEE THAT A SEPARATE STATEMENT ON A SPECIFIC ISSUE WILL BE ISSUED, WILL

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BE PUBLISHED, DEALING WITH A NEW APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM. AGREEMENT ON THIS CAME ABOUT DURING THE LUNCHEON TODAY.
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3. THE CHANCELLOR ANSWERED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

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QUESTION: MR. CHANCELLOR, YOU REFERRED TO THE

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FACT THAT THIS CHAPTER ONE WOULD CONTAIN A GENERAL
STATEMENT, A STATEMENT OF A GENERAL NATURE, AND SOME
SPECIFIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES,
AS REGARDS THESE SPECIFIC STATEMENTS. WILL THEY
DESCRIBE ONLY THE PRESENT SITUATION IN WHICH WE
FIND OURSELVES, OR WILL THEY ALSO GIVE OR DESCRIBE
A STRATEGY THAT WOULD BE USED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE
THE PRESENT SITUATION AND TO PROGRESS ON IT?

ANSWER: THE SPECIFIC STATEMENTS RELATING TO THE
INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND TO THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REFER TO THE FUTURE AND NOT TO
THE PRESENT.

QUESTION: MR. CHANCELLOR, YOU SAY THAT THEY
REFER TO THE FUTURE. MAY I ASK YOU WHETHER
SPECIFIC TARGETS, SPECIFIC MEASURES, WILL BE DEFINED?

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ANSWER: I WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION, I COULD ANSWER THE QUESTION, BUT I WOULDN'T LIKE TO DO IT AT THE PRESENT MOMENT.

QUESTION: WAS THE NEUTRON WEAPON DISCUSSED?

ANSWER: THE ANSWER IS NO.

QUESTION: (THE QUESTION WAS INAUDIBLE BUT REFERRED TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WAS AN ACCORD BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ON THE NEED TO SAVE ENERGY.)

ANSWER: DURING THE DEBATE ON ENERGY SO FAR, ALL THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND ALL THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SPOKEN. WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION, UNDER THE WELL-FOUNDED IMPRESSION, THAT IT WILL SHORTLY BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE DEBATE ON ENERGY WITH AN AGREEMENT PRIOR TO DINNER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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